



# California Poultry Report

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### U.S. DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

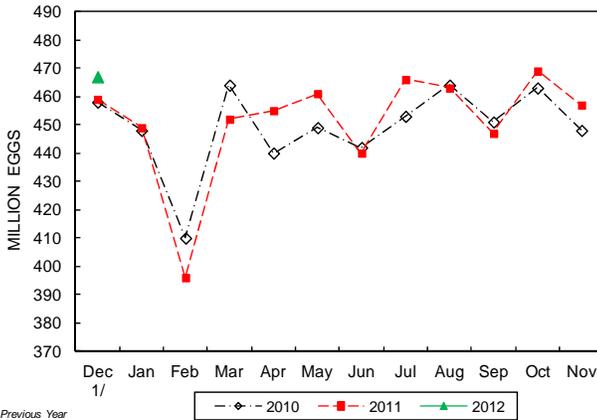
U.S. egg production totaled 7.93 billion during December 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.89 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2011 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,344 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2010.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2012, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2011.

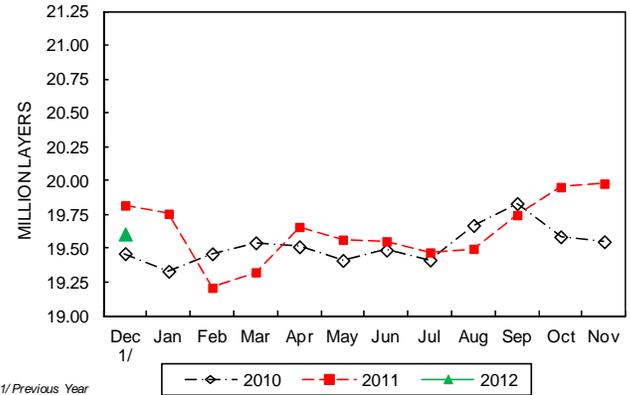
### CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during December totaled 467 million, up 10 million from November's production, and up 8 million from December 2010. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.6 million, down 2 percent from last month, and down 1 percent from December 2010. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,382 compared to 2,287 a month earlier, and 2,316 in December 2010.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012



AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012



### LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DECEMBER, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JANUARY 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,529	8,989	1,952	1,991	186	179	1.0	0.0	5.5	7.0
Arkansas	12,327	11,822	2,028	2,115	250	250	1.5	1.0	12.0	8.0
California	19,818	19,607	2,316	2,382	459	467	5.5	5.0	28.0	26.0
Georgia	17,222	16,530	2,236	2,263	385	374	2.5	1.0	18.5	12.5
Indiana	23,596	23,076	2,348	2,344	554	541	3.5	3.0	24.0	33.0
Iowa	53,363	52,135	2,299	2,329	1,227	1,214	3.5	6.0	35.5	32.5
North Carolina	13,252	12,706	2,083	2,101	276	267	0.5	0.0	16.0	16.0
Ohio	28,525	28,327	2,380	2,376	679	673	4.0	4.0	18.0	9.5
Pennsylvania	25,158	25,249	2,488	2,456	626	620	1.5	1.0	9.5	10.5
Texas	18,622	18,010	2,331	2,443	434	440	2.0	0.0	20.0	23.5
UNITED STATES	342,661	338,209	2,311	2,344	7,920	7,929	2.8	2.7	21.3	20.0

**U.S. BROILER-TYPE CHICK HATCH**

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2011 totaled 760 million, down 3 percent from December 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 634 million on January 1, 2012, down slightly from a year earlier.

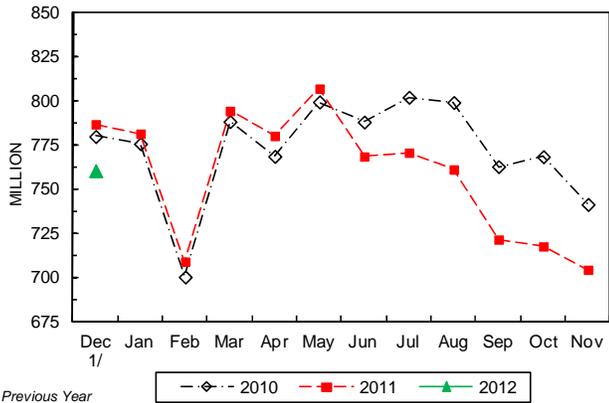
Leading breeders placed 6.44 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2011, down 5 percent from December 2010.

**BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, DECEMBER**

State	2010	2011	<u>2011</u>
	Thousands		<u>2010</u>
			Percent
Alabama	109,235	104,652	96
Arkansas	86,488	76,645	89
Delaware	15,253	11,449	75
Florida	4,743	4,943	104
Georgia	121,481	118,803	98
Kentucky	27,721	27,922	101
Louisiana	12,782	12,636	99
Maryland	26,902	27,135	101
Mississippi	69,813	68,700	98
Missouri	30,294	30,321	100
North Carolina	74,013	74,553	101
Oklahoma	24,610	24,697	100
Pennsylvania	14,313	14,024	98
South Carolina	19,890	19,305	97
Texas	59,429	54,829	92
Virginia	21,922	22,507	103
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	41,656	41,505	100
Other States 1/	25,895	25,562	99
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>786,440</b>	<b>760,188</b>	<b>97</b>

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

**BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012**



**U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICK HATCH**

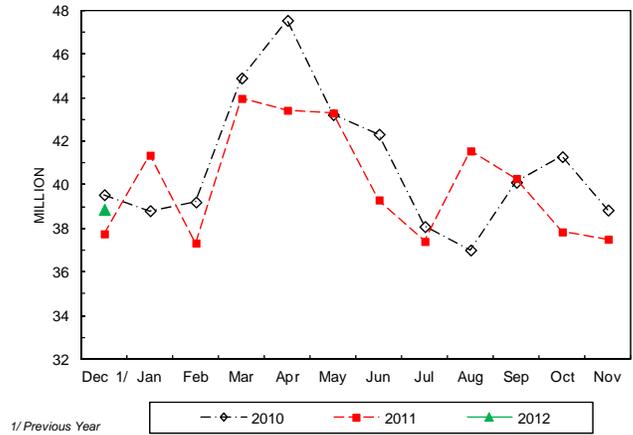
Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2011 totaled 38.9 million, up 3 percent from December 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.8 million on January 1, 2012, up slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 277 thousand during December 2011, up 5 percent from December 2010.

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, BY MONTH, UNITED STATES**

State	2010	2011	<u>2011</u>
	Thousands		<u>2010</u>
			Percent
Jan	38,819	41,366	107
Feb	39,218	37,336	95
Mar	44,914	43,974	98
Apr	47,558	43,429	91
May	43,231	43,305	100
Jun	42,331	39,313	93
Jul	38,089	37,405	98
Aug	37,014	41,564	112
Sep	40,130	40,298	100
Oct	41,300	37,845	92
Nov	38,849	37,508	97
Dec	37,759	38,879	103

**EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES  
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2010-2012**



**EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JANUARY 1**

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u>	2011	2012	<u>2012</u>
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,875	13,251	103	4,688	4,904	105
East North Central	12,327	11,776	96	7,508	6,517	87
West North Central	28,776	29,593	103	8,413	8,901	106
South Atlantic	236,998	241,514	102	5,645	4,756	84
South Central	321,807	314,811	98	5,223	5,557	106
West	22,285	22,957	103	7,216	8,183	113
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>635,068</b>	<b>633,902</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38,693</b>	<b>38,818</b>	<b>100</b>

### U.S. POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

Nationally, the December market egg price, at \$1.10 per dozen, increased 23.8 cents from November, and 18.1 cents from December 2010. The December broiler price, at 47.0 cents per pound, increased 2.0 cents from last month, and 1.0 cents from a year ago. The December turkey price, at 75.4 cents per pound, is down 2.6 cents from November, but up 7.7 cents from a year earlier.

#### POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED 1/

Commodity	Unit	December	November	December
		2010	2011	2011
Cents				
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Chickens-Broilers	Lb.	46.0	45.0	47.0
Market Eggs 2/	Doz.	91.9	86.2	110.0
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	67.7	78.0	75.4

1/ The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Mid-month prices.

#### U.S. TURKEY EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POULTS HATCHED BY MONTH

Month	Eggs in incubators first of month		2011-12	Poults hatched entire month		2011-12
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	26,353	28,072	107	22,065	23,157	105
Oct.	26,223	27,170	104	22,085	22,423	102
Nov.	28,415	27,502	97	23,783	22,734	96
Dec.	27,327	28,741	105	23,519	24,498	104
Jan.	27,764	28,146	101	23,973		
Feb.	28,431			23,079		
Mar.	28,359			24,340		
Apr.	27,720			23,735		
May	27,754			24,082		
June	28,215			23,812		
July	29,178			24,766		
Aug.	28,427			23,887		

### U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators on January 1, 2012, in the U.S. totaled 28.1 million, up 1 percent from January 1, 2011. Eggs in incubators were down 2 percent from the December 1, 2011 total of 28.7 million eggs.

Turkey poults hatched during December 2011, in the U.S. totaled 24.5 million, up 4 percent from December 2010. Poults hatched were up 8 percent from the November 2011 total of 22.7 million poults.

The 23.5 million net poults placed during December 2011 in the U.S. were up 4 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier. Net placements were up 6 percent from the November 2011 total of 22.1 million.

#### NET U.S. TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS 1/

Month	Total All Breeds		2011-12	Cumulative Total		2011-12
	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Sept.	21,672	22,320	103	21,672	22,320	103
Oct.	21,094	21,407	101	42,766	43,727	102
Nov.	22,599	22,090	98	65,365	65,817	101
Dec.	22,596	23,517	104	87,961	89,334	102
Jan.	22,585			110,546		
Feb.	22,130			132,676		
Mar.	23,720			156,396		
Apr.	23,378			179,774		
May	23,893			203,667		
June	23,810			227,477		
July	24,872			252,349		
Aug.	23,946			276,295		

1/ Excludes exported poults.

#### PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	December 31, 2010	November 30, 2011	December 31, 2011	Dec. 2011	Dec. 2011
		Thousands			Dec. 2010	Nov. 2011
					Percent	
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	7,459	8,688	7,798	105	90
Chickens	Lbs.	33,415	45,773	39,415	118	86
Ducks	Lbs.	1,722	711	698	41	98
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	42,596	55,172	47,911	112	87
<b>UNITED STATES</b>						
Turkeys	Lbs.	191,560	194,227	205,679	107	106
Chickens	Lbs.	802,794	651,216	629,078	78	97
Ducks	Lbs.	2,505	2,606	2,402	96	92
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	996,859	848,049	837,159	84	99
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	25,357	32,967	36,045	142	109

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